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Hongkong, 18th September, 1903. [732

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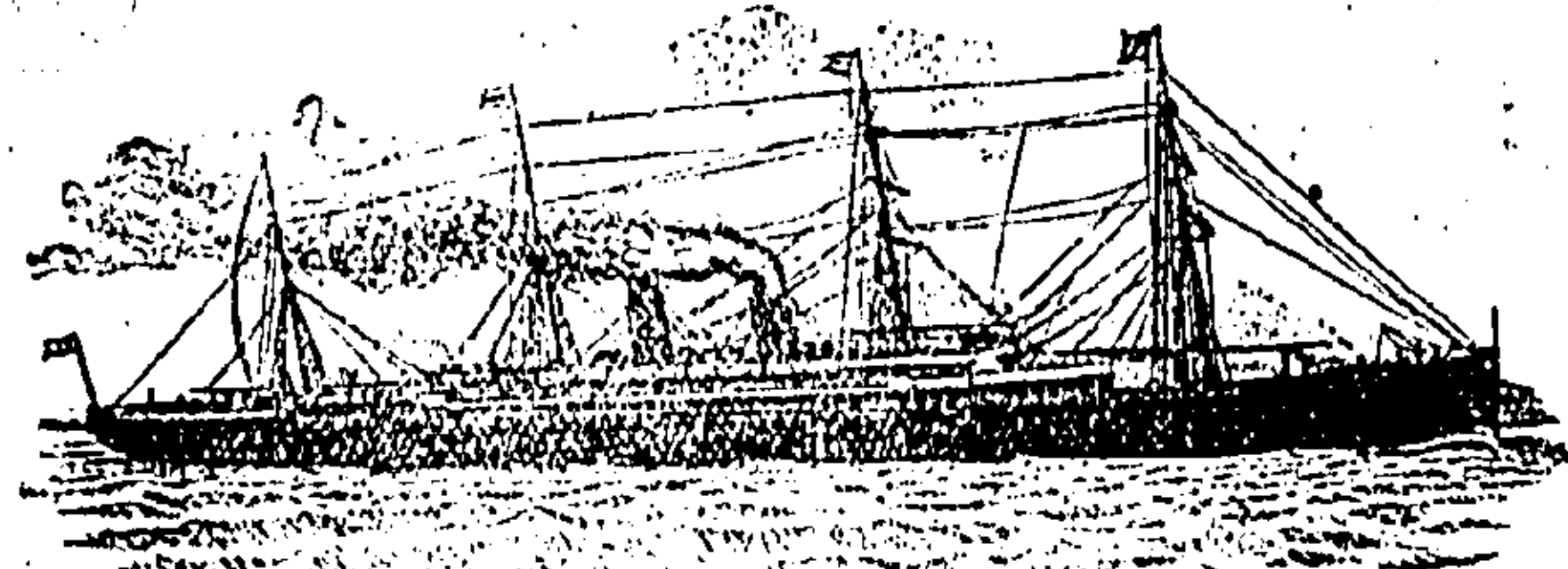
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"AMERICA MARU"	SATURDAY, 3rd October, at Noon.
"KOREA"	TUESDAY, 13th October, at Noon.
"GARELIG"	TUESDAY, 20th October, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 28th October, at Noon.
"CHINA"	FRIDAY, 6th November, at Noon.
"DOALIC"	SATURDAY, 14th November, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	TUESDAY, 24th November, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	WEDNESDAY, 2nd December, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE O. & O. Company's Steamship "COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China, and Japan.

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Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

J. STUART THOMSON, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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SAILING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMERALD" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 7th October.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th January.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th February.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 9th March.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

The magnificent "EMPERESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ABESSINIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	{ 6th October. } Freight.
Filler	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
BRISGAVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	{ 20th October. } Freight.
Schulke	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	{ 3rd Nov. } Freight.
Brehmer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM"	2,353 tons.	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN"	2,338 "	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN"	2,250 "	A. W. Dixon.
"HANKOW"	3,473 "	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,462 "	J. J. Lousius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at about 7 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at about 6 P.M. (Saturday excepted).
Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily (Sunday excepted) at about 8 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5.30 P.M.

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.
HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN"	1,998 tons.	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. } Sunday
Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 A.M. } excepted.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"	2,219 tons.	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.
CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "NANNING"	569 tons.	Captain R. D. Thomas.
"SAINAM"	588 "	B. Branch.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.,
18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903.

Intimations.

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COPYING IN ALL SIZES.

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FULL LINE OF SUPPLIES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

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COSTUMES AND

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FURNISHED.

WORK GUARANTEED TO BE

THE BEST IN THE COLONY.

LADIES' SPECIAL TOILET ROOM.

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THE MUTUAL STORES.

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

25, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong,
and
Shakee Street, Canton.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

"KIRIN" LAGER BEER.
PARKMORE GLENLIVET WHISKY.

Largest Importers in the Colony of
HEINZ FAMOUS PICKLES & PRESERVES.
FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903.

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.
For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL
OFFICES. EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.
Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.
Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.
Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that
the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co.,
VIENNA.

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT
GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,
The Price of which has been reduced to
FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,
CONNAUGHT HOUSE

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Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 614 ft. Width of
entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.
Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of
entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8
ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time
to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of
Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Dock-
ing and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work
and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested
Lloyds' surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Tugboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of
Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable
of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge
Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be
guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that
of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 506; General, No. 376.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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GO TO THE

KOWLOON HOTEL,

FRANK F. JEWELL, KOWLOON. J. W. OSBORNE,
Manager. Proprietor.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO.,
LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the
SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed,
viz:—

- "That the Capital of the Company
"be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided
"into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to
"\$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares
"of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000
"new shares of \$10 each to be offered and
"if accepted to be allotted to the present
"shareholders of the Company at par in
"the ratio and proportion of one new
"share for every two old shares in the
"Company held by the respective share-
"holders thereof, the amount payable on
"each of such new shares respectively to
"be paid at such time or times and in such
"manner as the Company, by its General
"Managers may hereafter determine."
- "That Article No. 82 of the Articles
"of Association of the Company be can-
"celled and the following Article sub-
"stituted therefor:—

"The remuneration of the General
"Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum
"(which shall cover office rent but
"not salaries of Secretary and other
"employees) and a commission of 5
"per cent. of the net profits of the
"Company for each year that such
"profits amount to 7 per cent. of the
"Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they
will be submitted for confirmation as
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING which will be subsequently convened.
Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

ON and after the 9th September, the S.S.
"WING CHAI" will berth at the New
Wharf at the WESTERN END OF WING LOK
STREET.

WING ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1903. [1092c]

Kabuto Beer
PURE
DELICIOUS
REFRESHING
may now be had in Cases of
4 Doz. Quarts at \$15.00.
MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
3, DUNDRELL STREET
1st September, 1903. [650c]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 37½ lbs. net \$4.75 ex Factory.
In Bags of 25 lbs. net \$2.85 ex Factory.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [179c]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER
guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,
and any other Chemicals.
Price \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts)
or 6 doz. pints.
Special Prices for Quantities.
Sole Agents—
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [199c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 26th Septem-
ber, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers, together with
a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 26th
September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS, LARPAK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1903. [1104c]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the above Society will
be held in the CURRY HALL, on TUESDAY,
the 29th instant, at 5.30 P.M. for the purpose of
receiving the Annual Report, electing a Com-
mittee and other Business.

N. S. BROWN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1145c]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIR-
TIETH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Society will be held at its
HEAD OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 8th October,
1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with State-
ments of Account for the year 1902 and for the
Half year ending 30th June, 1903, and
of declaring Dividends, &c.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 28th September to
the 8th October, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1903. [1127c]

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY to
H.M. NAVAL YARD of the Undermen-
tioned TIMBER MATERIALS for ONE YEAR
from 12th OCTOBER, 1903, viz:—

TEAK } BAULK, THICKSTUFF,
AMERICAN FIR } SCANTLING, PLANK
CAMPHOR WOOD } AND BOARD.
HARDWOODS }

Forms of Tender, and information in regard
to the conditions of Contract, &c., can be
obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE
OFFICER, H.M. Naval Yard. To enable
persons tendering to estimate what stocks they
would be expected to keep, they will be
provided, if necessary, with a statement showing
the expenditure of the different descriptions
of material during the twelve months ending
30th June last. A deposit of one hundred
dollars will be required with each tender, but
this will be returned on the acceptance or
rejection of the same.

The Tenders, which will be received till
NOON on 28th inst., should be sealed and
addressed to the Commodore, H.M. Naval
Yard.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [1139c]

MADAM FLINT & CO.

IMPORTERS OF FRENCH

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

MATERIAL ACCEPTED AND DESIGNED

during the Summer Months.

PRICES MODERATE.

CONNAUGHT HOTEL: Rooms 4 and 5.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. [1061c]

ASIA IN TRANSFORMATION.

Very interesting and valuable is Mr. A. R. Colquhoun's contribution to the *Quarterly Review on Asia in Transformation*. It has the charm of breadth, originality, and authority. The transformation of Asia already accomplished is marvellous, and we are apparently not yet looking upon the beginning of the end. Fifty years ago, India was isolated by land and sea; Russia's march towards the south and east had hardly begun; her utmost borders were separated by hundreds of miles from North-eastern Persia and Afghanistan, and by a vast territory, the Amur region, from the sea of Japan. Her dominion in Asia was limited to the isolated waste of Siberia. France had not yet begun to establish her Indo-Chinese Empire. Germany was still a loose confederation, hardly dreaming of interest in Asia or of world-power. What a political transformation has Asia undergone since then! Now, in the words of Lord Curzon, we are "having a European situation re-created in Asia with the same figures on the stage; the great European Powers are becoming the great Asiatic Powers." The Asiatic problems have, as Mr. Colquhoun puts it, become "inextricably interwoven, and are complicated with European policies." The stupendous feature of the transformation, as he views it, is the growth of Russia. It is one of the wonderful things in history. "Buffer States," remarks the *Quarterly* contributor, "are becoming more and more rare in every part of the globe, and must eventually disappear entirely before the ambitious expansion of great Powers." Several of them, he illustrates, have disappeared before the ambitious expansion of Russia in Asia. The conquering frontier of Russia's expansion is usually marked by a ferocious thoroughness, but the customs and religion of the subdued peoples are not afterwards interfered with. Mr. Colquhoun lays much stress on the rapid extension of railways as an important factor in the Asiatic situation. He discusses in detail the significance of these enterprises. There is, he goes on to argue, only one way in which to maintain the zone of British influence intact, "and that is to build up substantial interests, and to defend at every point those which at present exist. . . . Russia always advances against the lower organisms of political life, but when she meets substantial interests upheld by a great Power at once recognises the expediency of coming to an understanding. It is of no use to oppose her by diplomatic expedients; but with facts, actual and insistent, on our side, we shall find Russia unwilling and unprepared to come to an open breach." Yet, in her cunning way, and avoiding the ruinous expense of a succession of really big wars, Russia gets her way steadily in Asia. Mr. Colquhoun compares her to "a huge octopus, whose arms stretch out across Asia to the Pacific, to the heart of China, to Afghanistan, and (tentatively) across Persia to the Indian Ocean. From Baltic to Pacific, from the Arctic regions to torrid Persia—such is the extent of her territory, which comprises one-sixth of the land surface of the globe, all, it must be remembered, contiguous, and containing the greatest variety of races and languages, which make up one-fourteenth of the population of the world." In view of all this Asiatic expansion, Mr. Colquhoun brings up the question whether the Russian Empire can hold together unless the political and social condition of the Russian nation proper also undergoes a transformation. Centralisation and bureaucracy in government have already fostered a dangerous socialism. Mr. Colquhoun does not think that "the policy of dragging an Empire—of governing with the mailed fist alone, by means of an official horde whose demands become greater every year—can long withstand the shock of contact with civilising tendencies."

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 25th September, 1903, at Noon, TSM-TSU-TSU POLICE STATION, THE POLICE BOARDING LAUNCH No. 3.

PARTICULARS:
Built by The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., in December, 1877.
Length 51 ft. 3 in. over all.
Breadth 10 ft. 6 in.
Depth 4 ft. 6 in.
Cylinders 7 in. by 12 in.
Stroke 9 in.
Engines Compound Non-condensing.

Inspecting Orders can be had on application at the Offices of the Undersigned.
TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [1138c]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS,
AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG,
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

Sole Agents for
HARTMANN'S RAUPTIENS GENUINE
COMPOSITION RED HAND
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR
LAUNCHES,
&c., &c., &c.
Sole Agents for
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
and
P. & O. SPECIAL FLOUR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c.
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.
REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1903. [1138d]

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters' Island on the 30th September, 1903, at targets in a Westerly direction, to the South of Chung Hue Island.
Practice will commence at about 8.30 A.M. and end at about 10 A.M. if the range is clear.
By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [1131e]

THE ROBINSON PIANO Co., Ltd.

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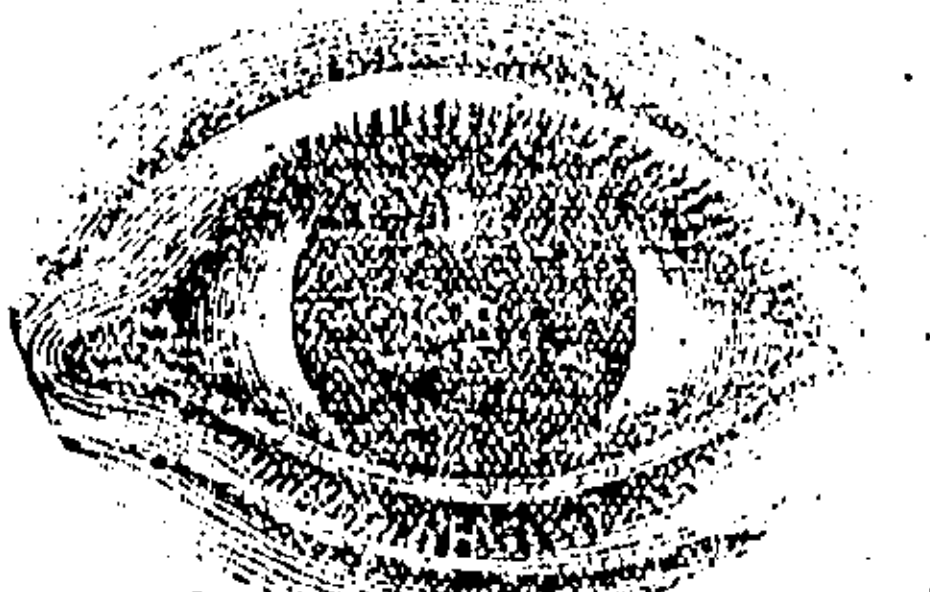
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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1131e]



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DAVID BENJAMIN,
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Hongkong, 23rd June, 1903. [6c]

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36 and 38, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [146]

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THE Company's OFFICES are established at Nos. 20 and 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD opposite DODOLAS FIER.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1903. [1138d]

Intimations.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

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CHING SHAN CHAN,
No. 41, Central Market.
Hongkong, 9th September, 1903. [777e]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 12nd September, 1903. [147e]

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST
No. 26, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [20]

Consignees.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANAGAWA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on, unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 29th instant will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 2nd October, or claims in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1138d]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"COPTIC" are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 25th instant or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. STUART THOMSON,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1903. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [4]

S.S. "ANNAM."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Douro* and *Charente*, from Havre ex s.s. *Douro*, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Ville de Celles*, in connection with above Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, the 21st instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [1004c]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLAVERS," FROM LEITH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods delivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th October, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [1138e]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENSHIEL,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognized.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1138e]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"AMERICA MARU" are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 3rd October or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. STUART THOMSON,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
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KAGOSHIMA MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 2nd Oct., at Noon.
INABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 3rd Oct., at Daylight.
KAGA MARU	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 6th Oct., at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the Option of Travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

T. S. TAKAYANAGI,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1903. [5]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	1903.
Lyra	4,417	F. Williams	Sept. 25
Victoria	3,502	J. Truebridge	Oct. 10
Shamout	9,606	W. M. Smith	Nov. 11

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [874d]

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THE Steamship

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Captain F. R. Summers, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1903. [1]

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Hongkong, 22nd October, 1902. [1116d]

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SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1903.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, 29th August, 1903. [728d]

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TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

A. Code.
Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 332.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1903. [355e]

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
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BIRTH.
On the 24th inst., at "The Cottage," the wife
of EDWARD A. RAM, of a daughter. [1155e]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 1903.

THE ADMIRALTY DOCK.

The *L. & C. Express*, at all times so
replete with most useful and up-to-date
information concerning all that is of interest
to the people in the East, contains, in the
number received to-day, an exceptionally
interesting letter, by Mr. R. Shewan, reprinted
from the *Times*, on the subject of the
off-debated advisability of abandoning the
present works in connection with the Naval
Extension Scheme on their present site. We
reproduce Mr. Shewan's letter elsewhere in
this issue. There will be none to dispute
the writer's wisdom in carrying the campaign
against the obduracy of my Lords of the
Admiralty in the journals at home; for it is
there that it is hoped "some old China hand
or other public-spirited member of the
House" may be aroused to that sense of
interest as to agitate the question in Parlia-
ment in order to secure the removal of that
obstruction against which local public
opinion has been so loud and so unanimous
in denouncing. That the existence of the
works in the very centre of the city causes
an obstruction and a nuisance is an admitted
fact which, we believe, even the advisers to
the Admiralty do not seek to dispute. The
community's view of the obstruction is only
too mildly put by Mr. Shewan when he
characterizes it as "a nuisance." The Press
and the public have persistently condemned
it in not too flattering language to the bureau-
crats of the Admiralty whose word is law,
even when the enormous commercial inter-
ests of the Colony are at stake. Our busi-
ness requirements, in the peculiar configura-
tion of the island and the situation of its
harbour, demand that continuous water front
which will not be obtained once so serious
a block is set up as the dock is bound to
constitute. The deviation of the large
traffic in the very heart of the city
from a broad and continuous roadway,
such as can be built from the east
to the west, is an impediment to busi-
ness which can find no adequate compensa-
tion in the establishment being completed
on the site so invidiously insisted upon by
the officials whose advice has, in our opinion,
injudiciously prevailed with the Naval
Authorities. The bugbear of "strategy" is
trotted out against the community's request
for a Royal Commission of Inquiry.

Until an independent committee of experts
has had an opportunity of investigating the
subject on the spot and reported upon the
correctness or otherwise of the view pro-
pounded by the Admiralty Lords, we cannot
accept the verdict as one divested of the sus-
picion of infallibility. If the political situation
in the East demands an early completion of
the works, we fail to see in what respect
could the progress of an inquiry interrupt
the course thereof. For, while the investiga-
tion is being conducted, the work may still
pursue "the even tenor of its way" until
the pronouncement is handed in to Govern-
ment. If the Commission should decide
for the abandonment of the scheme, then
by all concerned must the decision be gra-
ciously accepted and acted upon. If, on
the other hand, it be found that, on im-
perial considerations, colonial interests must
give way to the peremptory needs of safety,
then the inhabitants of Hongkong will have
the satisfaction of knowing that an impartial
judgment has been obtained, and against that
no reasonable fault can be found. We have
expressed our opinion before on the pre-
posterous demands put forward by the
Lordships. The onerous conditions laid
down for an exchange of site are tantamount
to the rejection, point blank, of any further
overtures on the part of the community to
effect a compromise on equitable basis. In
taking up the cudgels, single-handed, on be-
half of the inhabitants of Hongkong, Mr.
Shewan is rendering a public service of no
mean order. We trust by his personal
influence, and taking advantage of his
presence on holiday in the home country,
he will urge the matter as forcibly to public
notice as his unquestionable ability entitles
him to fight it to a successful issue. The
task before him is a Herculean one; but
the vastness of the interest at stake, so far
as this Colony is concerned, is worth every

effort. On Mr. Shewan's letter this is what
the *L. & C. E.* writes:—"It is a pity that
Mr. Robert Shewan's letter on the subject
of the new Admiralty Dock at Hongkong and
the removal of the Naval Yard to some other
site did not reach this country in time for the
enlightening series of questions he suggests
being put to the first Lord of the Admiralty
prior to the prorogation of Parliament. The
letter is dated Hongkong, July 17, and pre-
sumably reached London by the English mail
on Aug. 17 (though *The Times* does not publish
it until its issue of Aug. 27). Though the
subject will thus not get the same publicity
as if a series of questions had been asked in
the House, we trust that 'my Lords' will
not ignore the letter. Probably in the further
letter that Mr. Shewan promises he will meet
the points that came out in the recently-
published correspondence, and specially as
regards the site or sites available to which
the present yard could be moved; moved,
that is, possibly not quite within the
limitations by the Admiralty in their letter
of conditions, which, as they stand, seem to
be preposterous, and framed only as a
bar to further discussion of the project."

THE JOINT STEAMBOAT COS.
AND THE WEST RIVER
TRADE.

In a recent article on the commercial out-
look at Wuchow, we indicated the several
causes which tend to produce vacillations in
trade on the West River; therefore, it is not
without a certain satisfaction that, thanks to
detailed information which is to hand, we
are able to announce a decided improvement
in transit on that water-way—which suc-
cess is largely due to the enterprise and
active collaboration of several of our local
shipowners. Since the opening of the eight
extra ports in February last, there has been
a decided increase in both cargo and pas-
senger traffic and it was in view of this that
the combined Shipping Companies, viz., the
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam-
boat Co., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and
the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.,
thought it advisable to add the s.s. *Tak
Kong* to their West River fleet, and we have
every reason to believe that this vessel has
justified all the expectations of her owners
as a profitable investment. This increase
of trade is particularly noticeable when
comparison is made between the re-
turns published in the Customs Gazette
for the first and second quarters of the
present year, from which it will be seen that
the number of Chinese transported between
the different ports has risen from 387,395
for the quarter ending March 31st, to 430,439
for the similar period which terminated on
the last day of June, and this indicates
43,074 additional travellers for the last three
months. The volume of cargo has forged
ahead in a like degree and bids fair to con-
tinue its upward movement and it may be
supposed that, in consequence of this favour-
able outlook, the Joint Companies are con-
sidering the necessity of establishing an
agency further up the river, so as to ensure
the better control of their passenger and
cargo business.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is officially estimated that the French vin-
age is much below the average.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the
Customs Gazette for April-June.

THE German mail of the 19th August was
delivered in London on the 19th inst.

THE value of the estate of the late Cardinal
Vaughan has been sworn not to exceed £743.

VICE-ADMIRAL Fanshawe, who is on the
Australian station, intends visiting Singapore
in the flagship *Royal Arthur*.

One more chance to buy a Kodak for \$5; a
good Kodak. LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

THE dispatch of the *Terra Nova* Expedition
for the relief of the *Discovery* party in the
Antarctic has cost the Government £50,000.

POSTAL communication has been established
via Bhamo in Upper Burma with the Chinese
provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Szechuan
and Kwangsi.

THE *Goliath* battleship, Capt. F. H. Hender-
son, arrived at Gibraltar on 25th ult. from
Hongkong, and left in the afternoon for Sheer-
ness, to pay off.

PERMISSION to pass the Baltic North Sea
Canal has been granted by Germany to ten
Russian torpedo-boats, which are bound for
East Asiatic waters.

A TRAIN containing Italian troops came into
collision with a goods train near Treviso, 17
miles from Venice. Nine of the soldiers were
killed and 80 injured.

A LONDON wire, of 5th inst., says the price
of bread is rising owing to the damage done to
the crops caused by the persistent rains, and
scarcity of the world's output.

THE following appointment has been made at
the Admiralty:—Engineer Captain, Isaac E.
Hurst, to the *Pengance*, for service with the
China Fleet, to date June 12.

MEMBERS of the Hongkong Football Club
are reminded of the annual general meeting
which is to take place to-morrow afternoon at
a quarter past five in the Cricket Pavilion.

It is reported that the Alaskan Boundary
Commission has given a decision in favour
of Canada by fixing the entrance to the Port-
land channel at 54° 45' North.

It is notified that Sub-Lieut. G. D. Fanshawe
has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant
for services in China, and reappointed to the
late Cardinal Vaughan as Archbishop of
Westminster.

Pope Pius X. has ratified the appointment
of the Right Rev. Dr. Francis Bourne, Roman
Catholic Bishop of Southwark, as successor to
the late Cardinal Vaughan as Archbishop of
Westminster.

MIDDLESEX defeated Surrey in the match at
Kennington Oval, and thus won the county
championship. Albert Trotter, for Middlesex,
obtained six wickets at a cost of 19 runs. Sussex
takes second place.

THE whole of the South Wales tinplate works
controlled by the associated employers, com-
prising four-fifths of the trade, have closed
down indefinitely, owing to a wages dispute.
Twenty thousand hands are affected.

Fresh Kodak film, plenty of them, at LeMun-
yon's, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

FRENCH journals state that in view of the pre-
sent position in the Far East a division of the
French Mediterranean squadron, consisting of
two vessels, including several cruisers and the
armoured ship *Brennus*, has been "warned to
be in readiness to proceed eastward."

It is officially confirmed that H.M. cruiser
Royal Arthur, the flag-ship on the Australian
station, will sail for Singapore in the middle of
September. It is understood that Vice-
Admiral Fanshawe will meet the admirals of
the East India and China stations to confer on
naval matters.

INFORMATION has reached the Central Metro-
logical Station at Tokyo that on the 7th
instant small tidal waves broke over the coast
of Taio in Formosa, a strong shock of earth-
quake being at the same time experienced in
that district, more violent than has ever before
been recorded in the island. Slight tremors
have since been felt every day.

At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. Looker
applied to Mr. Sercombe Smith for a re-hearing
of the case in which Tai Yu was fined \$450
for building houses at Fort Cooch, Kowloon
City, without submitting plans or giving notice
to the P.W.D. His Worship requested Mr.
Looker to make the application in writing.

VICE-ADMIRAL Sir Cyprian Bridge, comman-
der-in-chief on the China Station, who was
promoted to admiral on 30th ult., cannot hold
the rank very long, as he reaches the age for re-
tirement in March next. Sir Cyprian joined the
Service in January, 1855, and was promoted to
vice-admiral in February, 1882, and vice-
admiral in November, 1898.

DETAILS of the disaster which occurred on
H.M. cruiser *Blake* during the naval man-
oeuvres on the West Coast of Africa, when one
man was killed and six injured, show that there
were several cases of conspicuous heroism.
An engineer sub-lieutenant closed the stop-
valves in the face of a deadly rush of steam
and boiling water, and Chief Stoker Gee three
times entered the stokehole, which was a ver-
itable cauldron, rescuing a man each time,
before he was overcome by exhaustion and
badly scalded.

It would seem that Prother Bear has not for-
gotten Captain Jonathan's rude remarks con-
cerning the recent Jewish massacre, for the
Russian Government announces that passports
for American travellers to Russia will be valid
only at four cities in the empire instead of
twelve. The opening of Manila among the
eight other cities prevents the access of Ameri-
cans to Russia via the Philippines. This is
rather hard on such of our friends in Manila as
might be inclined to take a trip to Europe via
the Trans-Siberian Railway.

A *Gay Night in Paris* attracted another good
house last evening when Miss Marjorie Tem-
pest delighted the audience with *The Carnival*,
which she will again sing when the play is
repeated to-night. To-morrow the "old ladies"
telling us *What happened to Jones*, and a
crowded house should be present as Mr. Mid-
dleton has arranged an elaborate programme
which opens with Wilson Barrett's delightful
little curtain raiser *Setting of the Sun*. During
the evening Miss Tempest is to sing *The Flower
Song*, from Faust, and Miss Millie Ascoli and
Mr. Edward Noble will give a grotesque dance,
while Mr. Alfred Tullett is down for an in-
teresting descriptive musical sketch entitled
Pictures from Soldier Life.

Framing, fancy and artistically done by Le-
Munyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

THE hearing of the case in which a native
woman was charged some days ago with mur-
dering her child was continued. Defendant's
mother-in-law identified the body of the child,
and stated that there had been no cruelty on
the part of the mother. Witness also declared
that the deceased had been an invalid for the
past three years and had been attended to at the
Tung Wah Hospital. She deposed that the child
had always been well fed until quite recently
when it had refused all food. Witness also
declared that the mother of the child bore a
good character, and was devoted to her son.
Mr. Sercombe Smith informed the witness that
the Medical Officer had come to the conclusion
that the child had died from starvation, but the
uncle of the deceased corroborated this evidence,
and stated that the child died on the 16th inst.,
at about 4.30 o'clock, in the afternoon. The
case was resumed until to-morrow morning
in order to obtain information from the Tung
Wah Hospital.

THE burglary season continues its exciting
course, another determined attempt being made
yesterday morning at 55, Queen's Road East,
the residence of Mr. A. H. Nimmo. A couple
of coolies panting under the weight of a box said
to contain whisky, arrived at the premises
and told the native woman who went to the
door that it was a case of wine for the
master. They followed up the information by
attacking the woman whom they attempted to
drag and bind. Her young daughter and a
servant-boy, who appeared upon the scene in
response to her cries were also violently as-
saulted by these daring thieves, who probably
finding that assistance would arrive before they
could master the situation, eventually took to
flight after attempting to wrench from the
woman's arms a gold bangle she was wearing.
A coolie who was suspected of being one of the
assailants was arrested and brought before Mr.
Sercombe Smith this afternoon and the man was
discharged.

Mail your films and Kodak orders to LeMun-
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always be met with, but they should be over-
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SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS.
The President pursuant to notice moved:—
That the Board, under the provisions of section
30 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance,
1903, do hereby order that the Board do
summarily proceed before a Magistrate
against any person contravening any of the
by-laws duly made under section 16 of the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

The President also moved:—That the Board
under the provisions of section 256 of the Public
Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, do hereby
order that the Board do summarily proceed
before a Magistrate for the recovery of any
penalty imposed by Part II of the said Ordinance,
or any by-laws made thereunder.

The Hon. Pollock seconded, and the motion
was agreed to.

The President explained that Dr. Macfarlane
was the second assistant M.O.H. He arrived
in the colony within the past two days, and it
was proposed that he should take over the
duties of the M.O.H. at Kowloon, and would
supervise the work of plague and sanitary
inspectors in that district.

Mr. Hewitt asked whether he would attend
to those members in the government service.

The President: The matter has not yet
been considered.

Mr. Hewitt pointed out that that question had
been before the Chamber of Commerce, and it
might subsequently necessitate further discus-
sion, but he trusted the Government would
bear it in mind that it was possible the officer
might have to meet the requirement.

THE DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH.
Correspondence relative to a suggested site
for the purpose of depositing rubbish, &c.,
during stormy weather was considered.

The Director of Public Works submitted a
tracing showing a suggested site in the Eastern
District, and stating that he was unable to sug-
gest any suitable place in the Kennedy Town
District.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health min-
uted:—Is this site fixed on? If so, I can inform
the inspectors accordingly.

Mr. E. A. Hewitt minuted:—We should
have at least one site at each end of the town.

Mr. A. Rumjahn minuted:—Surely an addi-
tional site in the Western District can be found.

Mr. Lau Chi Pak minuted:—One site is not
enough. Another one at the west end of the
city should be set aside for this purpose.

Hon. H. E. Pollock minuted:—I agree with
Mr. Lau Chi Pak.

Colonel Webb minuted:—I think there should
be a site at each end of the town, if possible.

Mr. Fung Wa Chiu minuted:—One site is
not sufficient. There should be at least two or
three sites.

The matter was referred back to the Director
of Public Works.

The rat return for the city of Victoria for the
fortnight ended 21st instant showed there were
703 rats caught, out of which 13 were infected,
and at Kowloon 212 were caught, 10 of which
were infected.

An extended account will appear in our issue
to-morrow.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
The following is the report of the Hongkong
Cricket Club, for the season 1902-1903:
To the Members of the Hongkong Cricket
Club.

Gentlemen,—The Committee have pleasure
in presenting the annual report.

The accounts (attached) show a balance to
the credit of the Club of \$2,428.23.

The Club played seventeen cricket matches
against the Navy, Garrison, &c., of which seven
were won, four lost, and six drawn. There
were also played eleven other matches (such
as "Hills v. Plains," &c.).

Engineer-Lieut. G. Moore, R.N., heads the
batting averages with 51.00, and Messrs. J. T.
Dixon and P. T. Lambie are bracketed first in
bowling with an average of 12.90 for 48 and 28
wickets, respectively.

The following scores of 100 and over were
made:—Lieut. France-Hayhurst, R.N.F., 131
(not out) and 106; Mr. J. T. Dixon, 118;
Engineer-Lieut. G. Moore, R.N., 113; Mr. A.
d'A. Punnett, R.N., 104; and Mr. G. A. Cooke,
R.N., 102 (not out).

The thanks of the Club are due to Mr. E. A.
Ram for surveying the Pavilion; to Mr. P. W.
Golding for supplying the *Sportsman* during
the Cricket season and for making out the
averages, and to Mr. J. Stodart for auditing the
accounts.

The annual Lawn Tennis Match against the
L. R. C. was played on April 11th, and resulted
in a win for the L. R. C. by 87 games to 77.

The Lawn Tennis Championship was won
by Mr. H. Hancock, who also won the "A"
Class Singles Handicap. The "B" Class
Singles Handicap was won by Mr. W. King.

Mr. E. J. Grist and the Hon. J. M. Atkinson
won the Doubles Handicap, and Messrs. H.
Pinckney and F. H. Yeats were the winners of
the Professional Pairs.

The Racquets Championship was won by
Mr. H. Hancock, who also won the Singles
Handicap. The Doubles Handicap was won
by Messrs. W. H. Robertson and H. E. Hanson.

The thanks of the Club are due to the officers
of the M. Navy and Army who so kindly lent
us their grounds.

Major Wynne, R.A., and Capt. Cadogan,
R.N.F., on leaving the Colony, resigned their
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TELEGRAMS.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

Opium for China.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, 24th Sept., 1903.

The P. & O. Steam Navigation Company's mail steamer left Bombay yesterday afternoon with about 1,100 chests of Malwa opium. Prices are as under:—

Malwa (New) Rs. 1,280
 (Old) " 1,380
 (Oldest) " 1,480

Parsee-Prisidency Cricket.

Mr. S. D. Setna kindly informs us that he is in receipt of a telegram from Bombay stating that "the return cricket match between the Parsees and the Presidency cricket teams ended yesterday at Poona, with a brilliant victory for the Parsees by an innings and six runs."

(Reuter's.)

Austria-Hungary.

LONDON, 22nd September. It is semi-officially announced in Budapest that the Emperor is most pained at the construction placed on the Army order which misinterprets His Majesty's intention. The Emperor simply wished to make it clear that he will not permit the disruption of the common Army; the order does not prejudice the changes demanded by the Hungarian Liberals and the solution of the questions raised thereby is under consideration.

LATER.

The New Cabinet.

Mr. Balfour is still at Balmoral. The feeling prevails that the prolonged negotiations indicate the Cabinet changes will be more far-reaching than was at first anticipated.

The Navy and the War Commission.

Admiral Lambert has written to the Admiralty demanding an unreserved apology from Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Hunter for his sweeping criticism on the shooting of the Naval guns at Ladysmith in the course of his evidence on the War Commission, where he said that school girls would make better practice than the naval men.

(Cable news.)

Sir Thomas Lipton Better.

Chicago, 19th September. Sir Thomas Lipton improves right a long. He has not been operated on and surgery may not be necessary. It is believed that he will recover speedily.

Among the thousands telegraphed inquiries received concerning his condition was one from King Edward and one from President Roosevelt.

Two of the *Stamrocks* will remain in America, certainly, and perhaps, all three. Prominent New York yachtsmen will buy the two and the third may go to Chicago.

Russian Preparations in the North.

Port Arthur, 19th September. From the preparations being made here, the secrecy maintained regarding everything official, the great mass of troops being concentrated here, and other signs it would seem that Russia expects war in the near future.

Russia and Austria in the Near East.

LONDON, 19th September. Russia and Austria will police Macedonia. Both these Powers will send troops to that country at once. They will act jointly, and their fleets will support their actions against Turkish aggression.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

The following is the report of the above Society for presentation to the twenty-second annual general meeting to be held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, 29th inst., at 5.30 p.m.:—

To the members of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.

Gentlemen, Your committee have pleasure in presenting to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st August, 1903. During the year several applications for assistance from the charitable fund were received, and after full investigation, grants in aid were given. These amounted to \$548.75 as against \$674.75 the previous year. Situations were found for several applicants. The balance at the credit of the society now stands at \$2,548.50 as against \$2,308.18 last year. 32 members have joined the society during the year.

St. Andrew's Day 1902 was celebrated by a Ball held in the City Hall, which, both socially and financially, was a success. The Hon. R. Sheehan, your vice-chairman, and Mr. William Kidd resigned their places on the committee on their departure from the Colony. During the year, the Hon. C. W. Dickson joined the committee. Mr. David Forbes, the hon. secretary, and Mr. Andrew Forbes, the hon. treasurer, both left the Colony last spring on holiday leave, and were replaced respectively by Mr. N. S. Brown and Mr. J. Stodart, to both of whom the thanks of members are due. The committee are indebted to Mr. A. R. Lowe for kindly auditing the accounts. The committee deeply regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. Macleod, a very old member of the Society.

H. W. ROBERTSON,
 President.
 N. S. BROWN,
 Hon. Secretary.

By kind permission of Major Redcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 13th Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, to-morrow, Friday, the 25th inst. (weather permitting):—

March "Field Service".....Ond Hume
 Overture "Melba".....Miss Elliot
 Selection "The Swan Song".....Miss Elliot
 Song "Adieu Marie".....Stephen Adams
 Selection "Cotter Song".....Mr. J. Coffey
 Waltz "The Ball of the Weaver".....Helen
 (Dance) "God Save the King".....Helen

THE CANTON-HONGKONG ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LD.

Since the last report which appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph* not long since concerning the progress of starting the Canton-Hongkong Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., we learn that at a meeting held in the American Consulate-General at Canton, on the 7th instant the officers and directors of the Company were duly elected. As previously stated Chinese capital is almost entirely represented in this new concern under the presidency of the Honourable Russell Colegrove, vice-consul-general for the United States of America in Canton. The names of the office-bearers for the first year are:—Mr. Chan A. Fook, vice-president; Messrs. Lai Tai Yu and Tseng Yut Kai, (of Hongkong and Canton), treasurers; Mr. Chan A. Fook, secretary; with the following as the first board of directors:—The Honourable Russell Colegrove, Messrs. Chan A. Fook, (of Watkins Dispensary), Geo. A. Watkins, (of Watkins Dispensary), Tsung Yui Kai, (of the Tung Sang Woo Canton and Australian Importers and Exporters Firm), Lai Tai Yu, (of the Kwong Kee Penang firm at Cham Muk Lan, Canton), Kwong Kut Woon, (of the Wing Fook Steamship Company), Secretary: Chan Tik Yau. Bankers: Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Hongkong. Applications for shares to be sent to Tsung Yui Kai, or Lai Tai Yu.

Suitable land has been acquired and the ground secured in Canton is considered to be eminently suitable to the business of the Company. It has a river, frontage and the site is ready for building on.

We gather the following additional particulars from an advertisement appearing in the local vernacular press. A free translation of extracts from the notice is as follows:—The Capital shall be \$700,000 divided into 70,000 shares of \$10 each. Out of these, 20,000 shares shall be allotted gratis to the promoters as their remuneration for floating the Company and getting in business. Of the remaining 50,000 shares one-half has been taken up and the other half is now offered to the public.

There is a purveyor's business worth about \$2,000,000 which can be started in Canton, the provisions being brought down from Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The business is such a big one that the profits are sure to be enormous. No one but this Company can start this business inasmuch as it is necessary to store the provisions in an ice shed.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE AQUATIC SPORTS.

Masters and scholars of Queen's College spent an enjoyable afternoon at the V.R.C. compound yesterday, when the annual aquatic sports in connection with that institution were held with the following results:—

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLLEGE (four lengths)—First prize the 'Yellow Dragon Cup' to be won two years in succession, 2nd prize presented by Mr. B. Tanner.—1st, H. Bunje; 2nd, C. Bunje.

PLUNGING: OPEN TO ALL COMERS. 1st prize presented by Mr. A. W. Grant, and 2nd prize presented by Mr. U. Alrakia, 2nd, M. Souza.

SWIMMING UNDER WATER.—1st prize presented by Mr. R. E. Bird, and 2nd prize presented by Mr. Bunje (5 feet), 2nd, H. Bunje, 3rd, H. Watling.

TWO LENGTHS IN CLOTHING (bat, coat trousers and socks) 1st prize presented by Mr. K. Ralphs, 2nd prize presented 1st, Carl Bunje, and, R. Galluzie.

PLUNGING: 1st prize presented by Mr. W. R. Seymour, 2nd prize presented.—1st, M. Souza, 2nd, H. Watling.

TWO LENGTHS (handicap)—1st prize presented by Mr. A. H. Cook, 2nd prize presented. 1st heat.—1st, Henry Bunje, 2nd, Cassum Alarkia; 2nd heat.—1st, Carl Bunje, 2nd, A. Mankar; Final.—1st, Henry Bunje, 2nd, Cassum Alarkia.

TWO LENGTHS (open)—1st prize presented by Dr. Bateson Wright.—2nd prize presented; 1st, Ussuf Alarkia, 2nd, Wong Shu Cheong.

TEAM RACE.—Souza's team.

Dr. Bateson Wright will present the prizes at the College on Saturday.

THE STRAITS CURRENCY.

Referring to the currency scheme at the half-yearly meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Fizzell, said:—

This important matter has naturally engaged the earnest attention of your committee. Immediately upon receipt of Sir David Bateson's report a meeting was held, when the committee unanimously approved of the scheme. A sub-committee on Currency was appointed, consisting of Mr. John Anderson, Hon'ble G. S. Murray, Mr. I. C. Nicholson, and myself. The special duty of that sub-committee was to watch in the interests of the public generally the process of establishing the Gold Standard in the C. Colony. We are at the same time authorised on behalf of the Chamber to assist the Government with our experience and advice. The Colonial Secretary in his speech in the Legislative Council recognized that committee, and stated that their assistance would be readily and gladly availed of by the Government. The members of the sub-committee were subsequently received by His Excellency, who discussed with them the proposals of the Government in the matter of securing "Fixity of Exchange." The sub-committee then clearly understood that the Government were not prepared to depart from any of the recommendations in the Scheme, and in consequence the committee were debarred from making suggestions in that direction. His Excellency, however, assured them that the Currency conversion would be introduced in a broad and liberal spirit, and in the best interests of the community generally. In that assurance, I need hardly add, we have full confidence, and the Chamber may rely that under His Excellency's administration the various details of the scheme will be carried out with studied consideration, and with a strong sense of responsibility to all interests.

The Advisory Committee urged that prior to the period of monetization the most liberal provision should be made in respect to the supply of the coinage towards meeting the trade requirements of the Colony, and of the Federated Malay States. They further urged upon the Government the desirability of prohibiting the importation of Mexican dollars at an early date. That coin had been, and has continued to flow in increasing quantity into the Colony from China, the Philippines, and other quarters. The committee apprehended that unless steps were taken to check these imports, it would add in no slight degree to the difficulties of the scheme. The Government had already strongly represented the measure of prohibition to the Colonial Office, and they again telegraphed the recommendation of the Chamber, but without result, as the Secretary of State would not withdraw his objection to the course suggested. We have not as yet learned the reason for that decision, but it was doubtless due to the absence in the Currency Report of any such recommendation.

The Advisory Committee further urged that the demonetization should not take place until the currency of the Colony and of the Federated Malay States was so largely composed of the new dollars that loss to the last holder of the old coin would be avoided, otherwise great hardship and inconvenience would result. Personally I am of opinion that for the success of the scheme, the Government should exchange the new coin, as such becomes available, and as soon as practicable after the prohibition has been declared. By that means the Straits dollar can readily be brought into circulation, and the equities between debtor and creditor preserved. The coinage of the new dollar will naturally spread over a considerable period of time, so that any plethora of money would soon disappear with its gradual dispersion, leading to an equalisation of supply and demand. While on the other hand the rate of exchange cannot fail under any conditions to be maintained so long as the balance of trade continues in favour of the Colony. It is an essential feature of the scheme that the new dollar should displace the existing Currency. The recognition therefore at the proper time of such an assurance by the Government would facilitate the desired end we all have in view. Moreover the Government will be compelled to maintain an adequate reserve of the new dollar in the interests of our trade. These requirements it is not too much to anticipate with the recent enormous increase in the revenue, and with the large public works in contemplation will greatly expand, so that the demands upon the reserve must grow apace. Prudence and foresight alike require the formation of that reserve, and such will constitute a source of strength and confidence to the Colony. During the past twelve years I have had no inconsiderable opportunities for observing the constant ebb and flow of money in the Straits, and the unexpected demands that so frequently arise. At present we are aware that China is largely denied of coin, through the abnormal drain to the Straits during the past three months. The period of the year is however approaching when money is invariably required there. It is only an ordinary forecast to anticipate that large amount of our British and Mexican dollars may be shipped thence especially with the Bombay Mail fully occupied with the coinage of the new dollar. Should such a contingency arise, what will be our position as regards our own requirements prior to the Chinese New Year, in the absence of a reserve and of arrangements for a continued supply of the new coinage. The assurance of the exchange of the existing currency will it appears to me render the situation secure in that respect. It is therefore not the least important feature of the scheme, that the Government will not only require to provide coin to guard their note circulation but to regulate the supply to meet the trading interests of the Colony. Indeed too much stress cannot be laid upon the latter consideration, that in future the supply of coin will not be directed through the ordinary channel, but that this important responsibility will devolve upon the Government.

An able memorandum has recently been published drawing attention to certain dangers that may arise. These views deserve the earnest consideration of the Chamber, as they emanate from one who has seriously studied the subject. The trade of the "Hind-land" is without doubt most important to the colony, and I trust the Government will take steps to counteract those dangers by admitting within the influence of the scheme if so desired, British North Borneo, Sarawak, and the States on the East Coast of the Malay Peninsula. It will be borne in mind that a large amount of Straits capital represented by imports of various kinds is dispersed through those countries, which have hitherto had a community of currency with us. The prohibition of the importation of the British dollar and Mexican may therefore involve dangers to those traders and dealers, through causes over which they have no control. On the other hand the wider application of the scheme would enlarge the orbit of the new currency, and lead to a greater utilisation of the new coin.

I may be asked what is the duty of the Chamber in connection with this important matter? To that question I answer: I have no wish to under-rate the advantages of the scheme, though I confess I cannot share the comfortable sentiments of those who regard it as a simple solution for all future troubles, who appear to me to overlook the fact that its effect upon our trade is still an unknown quantity. In my opinion we stand too near in point of time to the scheme to fairly judge its merits or defects. Its true proportions will only be really apparent at a distance of some years hence. But the duty of this Chamber is clear. The colony has accepted the change deliberately, on the assurance that it affords an easy method of transition to a gold basis and that it will henceforth do away with constant and violent fluctuation in exchange. The scheme has been welcomed by the community in the light of a great reform. It was chiefly upon the initiative of this Chamber that its introduction is due. We cannot therefore draw back from that position even if we would. But we can bear in mind that its acceptance does not release us from the responsibility of carefully watching its development; of drawing the attention of the Government to interests where the scheme presses hardly or unfairly in any unforeseen respect; and of directing our exertions with the strictest purpose of confronting the dangers, and overcoming the difficulties that will undoubtedly arise. The change will it is hoped, prove of a lasting and genuine benefit, but that result may not be attained without some sacrifice. Let us watch carefully therefore, having reached out after the image of "Stability of Exchange," that we run no risk of losing the substance of even greater value in that "Stability of Trade," the foundations of which were laid by the men, who have gone before us, and of those splendid commercial advantages, that at present are ours, which have hitherto proved the secret of our success.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held at Singapore on the 18th inst. The Colonial Treasurer moved the consideration of the Coin Import and Export Bill.

The Hon'ble G. S. Murray brought up the question of section 3 subsection 3, which he said might include the British and Mexican dollars, and if it did he thought it would clash with the Currency Commission's ideas. The British dollar was not a Settlements coin and therefore might be called foreign. He wanted to know if there was any affect thought on the part of the Government in respect of this clause. It would be extremely awkward, if after these coins were demonetised, they were declared not legal.

His Excellency said that as far as he was concerned there was no such intention in the mind of the Government. The clause was simply from the old Bill and he could only make the statement that Government had no ultimate intention of forbidding the circulation of British and Mexican dollars.

In clause 7 the word "shall" in reference to the importation of money was altered to "may," and in clause 8 the words "person or persons" were deleted and "public" inserted.

THE NEW ADMIRALTY DOCK.

Mr. Robert Sheehan sends the following straightforward letter to *The Times*:—

Will not some member of the House of Commons put the following questions to the First Lord of the Admiralty?

1. Do the Admiralty object to the request of the residents of Hong Kong, contained in a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated Hongkong, April 4, that a Royal Commission be appointed to consider the question of the changed site for the new Admiralty dock?

2. Is it true that the original borings taken by Admiralty officials out here have proved incorrect and misleading?

3. Is it true that, in consequence of the nature of the ground having proved very different from what was expected, the time and cost of construction will exceed the original estimates?

4. If so, what is the estimated extra time and cost?

5. Is it not true that the early completion of the work is not essential, as there is already a large dock at Hongkong, capable of docking all but the very largest ships in His Majesty's Navy, and another in course of construction which, it is understood, will be subsidised by the Admiralty, and which will be capable of docking the largest vessels in the world, both of which docks will, of course, be entirely at the disposal of the Admiralty in times of emergency, as well as available under ordinary circumstances?

6. In view of there being no danger from delay, will the Admiralty explain their reasons for refusing the request of the petitioner?

7. In view of the confined and cramped position of the present intended site, is it not probable that the accommodation there will be found insufficient even before the works are completed?

8. Could not another and more commodious site, capable of indefinite expansion, be found on the island of Hongkong, or on the point of mainland opposite which juts into the middle of the harbour?

9. Is it not a fact that the value of the present site and work is estimated by expert judges to be sufficient to defray the whole cost of removal as well as cost of new site?

The object of these questions is to draw attention to the great and unnecessary hardship on the community of Hongkong will suffer if this foolish scheme of the Admiralty to build a dock where no dock should be, is persisted in. The site, when it was first chosen, was generally condemned, although many only dared say so under their breath; and now it is an open secret that some one has blundered over the original borings and that difficulties have arisen in finding, or rather having to make, a proper bottom—so much so that it is generally understood it would be cheaper and better if instead of throwing good money after bad the Admiralty would face the music and admit their mistake.

A petition asking for a Royal Commission to inquire into the truth of these matters was forwarded on April 8 last to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the Governor here Sir Henry Blake, who was quite in accord with it. In reply, Mr. Chamberlain states that the Admiralty admit it would be an advantage if more room were available for extension, and enclosed an extract of a letter from the Admiralty to the Colonial Office, dated March 9, 1903 (which could not, therefore, be a special reply to the petition), which says that their Lordships cannot assent to the abandonment of the works "the early completion of which they believe to be necessary to security." It is possible that the Admiralty believe this; but their belief is evidently not strong enough to enable them to face a Royal Commission and give reasons for the faith that is in them. The residents of Hongkong, on the other hand, are strongly of opinion that the present dock accommodation of Hongkong is ample, and will soon be more than ample for all the requirements of the Admiralty and every engineer or military or naval official that you meet will privately admit not only this but also that a most inconvenient and expensive site has been chosen—a site that is furthermore directly in the way of the traffic of the colony by blocking up our water front and cutting off the east from the west end of the town—although, of course, most are chary of openly condemning the act of their predecessors.

The two points on which the Admiralty now seem to rely—for they seem to have given up their old contention that their god strategy would not allow them to build anywhere but in the middle of our principal thoroughfares—are the way of other dock accommodation and the cost of changing the site now the work has been begun. But the first objection is met by the existing docks, and that now in course of construction by a private firm, and the second does not exist, for the value of the present site on Queen's-road is enormous, and it is ridiculous that it should be wasted on such a purpose when there is so much cheap land available outside the town. Where I think the petition was weak was in not more forcibly drawing the attention of Mr. Chamberlain to these points; for we were bound to propound a remedy for the evils of which we complain, and could not expect my Lords of the Admiralty to shift their dock merely because it would prove a nuisance—it is that already.

As to an alternative site, there are several, for none could be more ill-chosen than the present one, and in a subsequent letter I shall be pleased to forward you a proposal for what would be a far more commodious, economical, and suitable, naval establishment than that at present contemplated. I hope that you will kindly find space for this letter in your columns, and that some old China hand or other public-spirited member of the House may read it and come to our assistance.

COMMERCIAL.

THE CHARTERED BANK DIVIDEND.

Mr. T. P. Cochrane, acting manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, kindly informs us that they have this morning received from their London office a telegram advising that a dividend has been declared for the half-year to 30th June @ 10% per annum, free of Income Tax.

SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. J. P. Bouverie & Co. report under date 18th inst.—We have only a limited business to report for the week under review. Rates generally have remained fairly steady, but at closing prices are weaker. This is largely due to anticipation of the settlement at the end of the month.

SALES.—Woods are improved; sales were effected early in the week at 11s. 6d. and 6 3/4 December, rising on the 15th to sales 6 1/2 for this settlement and 6 1/4 December. On the 16th sales were placed at 12 1/2 and 13 1/2 with sales again at 14 1/2 December. On the 16th the cash rose to 10/120, 13/10 September and 14 1/2 December. On the 17th

the cash rate fell to 136 1/2 and 136 cash and settlement and 14 1/2 December. The market closes with sellers at the above rates.

LANGKAT.—Although we have a considerable number of quotations the bulk of business done has been limited. On the 11th the market opened with sales at 11s. 2 1/2 cash and September, 27s. October. On the 12th 27s. cash, on the 14th at 27s. settlement, 28s. 6 sh. 28s. October, and 28 1/2 December. On the 15th the Company paid a further interim dividend of 11s. 7 1/2 per share. On that day shares were placed at 27 1/2 and 27 1/2 September ex dividend. All further quotations reach ex div. 11s. 27 1/2 October, and November, 28 1/2, and 28 1/2 December. On the 16th at 26 1/2 cash, 26 1/2 cash and 26 1/2 September, 27s. October, 28 1/2 and 27 1/2 December. On the 17th cash shares were placed at 26 1/2 and 26 1/2 with sales at 27 1/2 and 28 1/2 December.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/10 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 1/10 3/4
 Credits, 4 months' sight 1/10 9/16
 Debits, 4 months' sight 1/10 1/16
 ON BERLIN, (demand) 1/11 5/8
 ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2/32 1/2
 Credits, 4 months' sight 2/30
 ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 4/5
 Credits, 30 days' sight 4/5
 ON BOMBAY, On demand 137 1/2
 On Shanghai, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
 Private 30 days' sight 8 1/2
 ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 8 1/2
 Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$1.10
 Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael \$84.00
 Bar Silver 27 3/16

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

MALWA NEW @ 94/100
 " LAST YEAR @ 98/100
 " OLDEST @ 1,421/100
 PATNA NEW @ 1,105
 " OLD @ No Sales
 BENARES NEW @ 1,107 1/2
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ALEC. MIDDLETON, Manager. Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [1154e]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [1159e]

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E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [1161e]

COMPANY'S Advertisements.

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F. BROWNE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [1156e]

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1146c]

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Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [436c]

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [1108c]

Intimation.

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ate reports of local occurrences, and of mat-
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The Hongkong Telegraph is the best
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is the largest daily newspaper and has a
wider circulation than any journal in the Far
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ing advertisements.The type used as a standard for setting
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Arrivals.
America Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,460, Going, 23rd Sept.—San Francisco 26th Aug., Honolulu 2nd Sept., Yokohama 15th, Kobe 16th, Nagasaki 18th, and Shanghai 21st, Mails and Gen.—T. K. K.
Keongwai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Möllermann, 23rd Sept.—Hankow 16th Sept., Rice and Teakwood.—H. & S.
Sishan, Br. s.s., 345, Jones, 23rd Sept.—Saigon 19th Sept., Manila 20th Sept., and Cebu 21st Sept.—B. & C.
Taisang, Br. s.s., 1,544, Bradley, 23rd Sept.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 19th Sept., Rice and Wheat.—J. M. & Co.
Tetartos, Ger. s.s., 1,578, Desler, 23rd Sept.—Samarang 12th Sept., Sugar.—S. & Co.
Lohian, Br. s.s., 3,223, Williamson, 23rd Sept.—Mojito 18th Sept., Coal.—C. C. Co.
Coromandel, Br. s.s., 2,783, Montford, R.N.R., 24th Sept.—Bombay 9th Sept., and Singapore 19th, Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Australian, Br. s.s., 2,838, McArthur, 24th Sept.—Sydney 2nd Sept., and Manila 21st, Gen.—C. L. & Co.
Kweiyang, Br. s.s., 1,062, Hooker, 24th Sept.—Chefoo 18th Sept., Gen.—B. & S.
Amigo, Ger. s.s., 772, Hansen, 24th Sept.—Hollis 19th Sept., Gen.—J. & Co.
Hailong, Br. s.s., 783, Evans, 24th Sept.—Amoy 23rd Sept., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Ilha Verde, for Macao.
San Chang, for Canton.
Loi, for Bangkok.
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Pak King, for Macao.
Amigo, for Hongkong.
Kuonchow, for Canton.
Chungking, for Kowloon-chow-wai.
Atholl, for Sulu Bay.
Tasman, for Shanghai.
Wuham, for Hilo.
Tacoma, for Moji.

Departures

Kanagawa Maru, for Kobe.
Loi, for Bangkok.
Ty, for Hongkong.
Thea, for Chefoo.
Clara Jensen, for Chinkiang.
Lyeonson, for Canton.
Kuikang, for Canton.
Amigo, for Hongkong.
Takung, for Shanghai.
Anders Rickmers, for Swatow.
Wuchang, for Cebu.
Tacoma, for Tacoma.
Meifoo, for Shanghai.
Taiwan, for Shanghai.

Passengers arrived

Per *Kronprinz*, from Bangkok—Mr. Franke, and to Chinese.
Per *Kweiyang*, from Chefoo—Rev. and Mrs. Hickling, and Miss Hickling.
Per *Australian*, from Sydney—Sir David Evans, Messrs. J. P. Evans, M. Evans, Misses Evans, Messrs. C. J. Bainbridge, R. Oxley, A. E. Parr, W. H. Power, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson. From Brisbane—Mr. D. Ross. From Manila—Mr. and Mrs. Macondray, Capt. and Mrs. Sage and son, Capt. and Mrs. Pickett and 2 children, Messrs. P. Dudley, Carter, Glesson, Smith, Altham, and 61 Chinese from Australia.
Per *Coromandel*, for Hongkong from Bombay—Lieut. W. F. Lumsden, Mr. C. Omyashan Kar and native servant, from Colombo—Mr. J. Ferguson, and Miss Ferguson. From London—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodward and 2 children, Messrs. F. Ance, E. W. Terry and J. H. O'Neill. From Penang—Mr. H. W. Metcalf and servant, from Singapore—Dr. J. Napier Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Chow Nam, child, infant, and servant, Miss F. Hopwood, Messrs. Thos. Neare, Lachlan Kerr, G. W. Newton, and 2 Post Office Staff. For Shanghai from Bombay—Messrs. G. Sorabjee and Sam C. Sorabjee. From London—Miss A. F. Bridges, Misses Michael, J. Wheatley, Messrs. J. Saxon and F. Brewer. From Marseilles—Mr. Critchley. From Brindisi—Mr. D. Stewart. From London for Yokohama—Mrs. Lynn Miller.
Per *Hai ong*, from Amoy—100 Chinese.
Per *America Maru*, from San Francisco, &c.—Mr. T. Aoyagi, Capt. and Mrs. E. Bent, Mr. C. E. Bengler, Miss E. L. Blood, Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mrs. T. L. Chadbourne, Mrs. K. M. Cooney, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Durr and infant, Messrs. Volnet Eaton, J. P. B. Fitzgerald, Rev. H. B. Graybill, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Messrs. C. P. Harley, Messrs. K. Hashimoto, J. Jacquemin, D. Jacobs, Mrs. T. Koeler, Misses Laura Karsten, Little Karsten, W. W. Larkin, W. R. McArthur, Misses T. and M. McKee, Mrs. H. E. Miller, M. E. Olson, E. G. Patterson, Mr. S. J. Perry, Miss Jennie Perrin, N. L. Read, Mr. J. Leithner, Rev. Jos. Saus, Mr. Jacob Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Snook, Mr. Robert Staud, Lieut. Eben Swift, Jr., Prof. Dr. C. Shiba, Messrs. R. N. Truman and servant, T. Taggart, W. Urquhart, Mrs. S. van Buren and nurse, Miss G. G. Wright, 2 Europeans, 188 Chinese, 18 Japanese and 3 Indians.

Passengers departed

Per *Sunehang*, for Manila—Mrs. S. Bete, Messrs. C. F. Foy, T. Haslan, T. A. Nichols, G. A. Godfrey, C. F. Madson, R. D. Hoyt, H. Jersohn, J. B. Roche, G. T. Sprent, F. J. Knopp, L. Villegas and J. A. Glover.

Shipping Reports

Str. *Hailong* from Amoy—Fresh N.E. winds, moderate sea, fine weather.
Str. *Taisang* from Wuhu—Moderate N.E. winds, and fine weather throughout.
Str. *Australian* from Sydney—Moderate winds, smooth sea, and fine weather throughout.
Str. *Kweiyang* from Chefoo—There to port, moderate and light N.E. winds, fine weather, smooth sea.

Steamers Expected

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Taiyuan	Manila	B. & S.	Sept. 24
Rosetta Maru	Manila	T. K. K.	Sept. 26
Indramayo	Manila	J. M. & Co.	Sept. 26
Kaifong	Manila	G. L. & Co.	Sept. 26
Emp. of China	Japan	C. P. R. Co.	Sept. 28
Korea	Japan	P. M. Co.	Sept. 28
Kagoshima	Singapore	N. Y. K. Co.	Sept. 28
Arratoon	Singapore	D. S. & Co.	Sept. 28
Saxonia	Singapore	H. A. L.	Sept. 28
Portland	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Oct. 5
Laiyang	San Francisco	M. M. Co.	Oct. 6
Gaelic	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Oct. 6
Tainan	Sydney	B. & S.	Oct. 12
Athenian	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Oct. 13
Chivring	San Francisco	C. C. Co.	Oct. 14

Vessels in Port

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Amara	Br. s.s., 1,565, Mattock, 23rd Sept.	Sourabaya 14th Sept., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.	
Atholl	Br. s.s., 3,031, Porter, 18th Sept.	San Francisco 18th Aug., Kobe 10th Sept., and Moji 13th, Gen.—C. C. S. Co.	
Bangkok	Ger. s.s., 1,237, Busche, 6th Sept.	Bangkok 30th Aug., Rice.—Order.	
Bygdo	Norw. s.s., 771, Gundersen, 19th Sept.	Hongay 15th Sept., Gen.—S. W. & Co.	
China	Ger. s.s., 1,113, Krübe, 17th Sept.	Manila 13th Sept., Gen.—E. A. T. Co.	
Coptic	Br. s.s., 2,744, Rinder, R.N.R., 18th Sept.	San Francisco 18th Aug., Honolulu 25th, Yokohama 5th Sept., Kobe 7th, Nagasaki 8th, and Manila 16th, Mails and Gen.—O. & O. S. S. Co.	
Elisabeth Rickmers	Ger. s.s., Nebinger, 3rd Sept.	Swatow 2nd Sept., Rice and Wood.—A. R. & Co.	
Emma Luyken	Ger. s.s., 2,000, Martens, 6th Sept.	Saigon 2nd Sept., Rice.—E. A. T. Co.	
Finshur	Br. s.s., 1,000, Jones, 10th Sept.	Hamburg 21st July, and Port Said 10th Aug., Gen.—S. W. & Co.	
Gregory	Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,940, Oliffent, 20th Sept.	Calcutta 6th Sept., and Singapore 16th, Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.	
Haiching	Br. s.s., 1,267, Passmore, 22nd Sept.	Foochow 18th Sept., Amoy 19th, and Swatow 21st, Gen.—D. L. & Co.	
Hinsang	Br. s.s., 1,535, Sawyer, 19th Sept.	Java 9th Sept., Suvar.—J. M. & Co.	
Huphe	Br. s.s., 1,204, Mathias, 22nd Sept.	Canton 21st Sept., Gen.—B. & S.	
Huron	Br. s.s., 1,989, Walsh, 23rd Sept.	Mojito 17th Sept., Coals.—M. B. K.	
Kaga Maru	Jap. s.s., 3,907, Anderson, 22nd Sept.	Shanghai 19th Sept., Gen.—N. Y. K.	
Klaus Gotschakow	Ger. s.s., 2,140, Korsch, 21st Sept.	Mojito 17th Sept., Ballast.—B. & Co.	
Kong Beng	Ger. s.s., 862, Ziegenbein, 19th Sept.	Bangkok 10th Sept., Rice and Timber.—B. & S.	
Kou Maru	Jap. s.s., 1,783, Minamikawa, 21st Sept.	Kobe 27th Sept., Coal.—Tan Yok Chon.	
Loonmoon	Ger. s.s., 1,245, Schutz, 20th Sept.	Canton 19th Sept., Gen.—S. & Co.	
Mazagon	Br. s.s., 3,780, Hall, 21st Sept.	Bombay 2nd Sept., and Singapore 15th, Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Mercedes	Br. s.s., 3,000, McGregor, 4th Sept.	Wellington, N.Z. 5th Aug., Coal.—Naval Stores.	
Nor, Norw. s.s., 930, Thiesen, 23rd Sept.	Mojito 18th Sept., Coals.—Order.		
Oakley	Br. s.s., 2,456, Wilson, 16th Sept.	Mojito 10th Sept., Coals.—B. & S.	
Oscar	Norw. s.s., 2,000, Olsen, 3rd Sept.	Mojito 27th Aug., Coal.—M. B. K.	
Patrol	Br. s.s., 1,223, Dummall, 21st Sept.	Amoy and Cable Ground 13th Sept., Ballast.—E. A. T. Co.	
Perla	Br. s.s., 1,287, McGinty, 23rd Sept.	Cebu 18th Sept., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	
Petchaburi	Ger. s.s., 1,375, Hillmann, 19th Sept.	Bangkok 11th Sept., and Swatow 18th, Rice and Gen.—B. & S.	
Phra Chom Khao	Ger. s.s., 1,011, Reimers, 22nd Sept.	Bangkok 12th Sept., Rice.—B. & S.	
Prima	Nor. s.s., Meyer, 18th Sept.	Mojito 4th Sept., and Amoy 16th, Ballast.—S. W. & Co.	
Prosper	Nor. s.s., 789, Christiansen, 17th Sept.	Saigon 13th Sept., Gen.—S. W. & Co.	
Shakano Maru	Jap. s.s., 2,064, Fujita, 21st Sept.	Mojito 15th Sept., Coal.—E. A. T. Co.	
Shantung	Ger. s.s., 1,004, Engelhart, 21st Sept.	Shanghai 18th Sept., Ballast.—Mr. Geo. McBain.	
Shaoxing	Br. s.s., 1,307, Harris, 21st Sept.	Wuhu 16th Sept., and Chinkiang 17th, Grain.—B. & S.	
Shini Maru	Jap. s.s., 1,056, Oshida, 27th Aug.	Mojito 20th Aug., Coal.—Order.	
Solveig	Nor. s.s., 2,861, Carluvel, 18th Sept.	Samarang 9th Sept., Sugar.—M. & Co.	
Tartar	Br. s.s., 2,768, Beetham, 19th Sept.	Vancouver 24th Aug., and Shanghai 16th Sept., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.	
Unda	Norw. s.s., 879, Gabrielsen, 23rd Sept.	Mojito 18th Sept., Coal.—Order.	
Yiksang	Br. s.s., 1,950, Bowker, 22nd Sept.	Canton 21st Sept., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Yoneyama Maru	Jap. s.s., 1,919, Yamamoto, 22nd Sept.	Mojito 16th Sept., Coal.—M. B. K.	
Yuensang	Br. s.s., 1,128, Payne, 21st Sept.	Manila 18th Sept., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Zaffro	Br. s.s., 1,611, Rodger, 21st Sept.	Manila 19th Sept., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	

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Nemuro	6 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	29.67	—	—	0	—	—
Kochi	—	29.79	—	—	W	2	—
Nagasaki	—	29.91	—	—	SW	0	—
Kagoshima	—	29.87	—	—	N	2	—
Osaka	—	29.85	—	—	N	2	—
Naha	—	29.85	—	—	N	2	—
Ishigaki	—	29.85	—	—	N	2	—
Taihou	—	29.94	—	—	SE	2	—
Taichu	—	29.92	—	—	N	2	—
Tainan	—	29.92	—	—	N	2	—
Koshu	—	29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Pescadore	—	29.92	—	—	NE	6	—
Weihaiwei	9 a.m.	30.10	73	72	NNW	—	—
Gutai	—	30.00	78	78	N	2	c
Shanghai	—	30.00	78	78	N	2	c
Amoy	—	30.00	78	78	NNW	—	—
Swatow	—	30.00	81	72	E	3	c
Canton	—	30.00	81	72	E	3	c
Hongkong	—	30.00	81	72	E	3	c
Victoria Peak	—	29.97	83	—	ENE	4	c
Gap Rock	—	29.97	83	—	ENE	4	c
Macao	—	29.97	83	—	ENE	4	c
Haiphong	—	29.96	81	92	—	—	—
Manila	—	29.96	81	92	—	—	—
Bacolod	—	29.92	82	—	SW	1	b
Cebu	—	29.98	86	—	S	1	c
C. St. James	10 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS

THOMAS.	LI Man Yin, Mr. Roberts, Capt. Robertson, O. L. Condy, Mr. C. and 2 children, Siet Tiang, Mr. W. C. Cregg, Mr. Cushman, J. W.
Bassett, H. D.	—
Charles, L.	—
Chick Tek Thye, Mr. Condy, Mr. C. and 2 children, Siet Tiang, Mr. W. C. Cregg, Mr. Cushman, J. W.	—

lvv. Aust. bq., 1,205, Stetson, 1st Sept.—Freemantle 25th July, Kerosine Oil.—J. M. & Co.
Luzon, Am. ship, 1,300, Park, 13th Sept.—Hilo, (P.I.) 31st Aug., Ballast.—Order.
Roanoke, Am. bq., 3,347, Ambury, 7th Sept.—Shanghai 4th Sept., Gen.—A. K. & Co.

Post Office

A Mail will close for—

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per *Hatching*, 25th inst., 9 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok—Per *Petchaburi*, 25th inst., 9 A.M.
Canton—Per *Honam*, 25th inst., 9.30 A.M.
Macao—Per *Honam*, 25th inst., 1.15 P.M.
Singapore—Per *Klaus Gotschakow*, 25th inst., 2 P.M.
Manila—Per *Yuensang*, 25th inst., 3 P.M.
Macao—Per *Wingchai*, 25th inst., 5 P.M.
Sanbu—Per *Lee Wing*, 25th inst., 5 P.M.
Nambao—Per *Taichun*, 25th inst., 5 P.M.
Canton—Per *Hankow*, 25th inst., 5 P.M.
Manila—Per *Zaffro*, 26th inst., 9 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Ballast*, 26th inst., 10.45 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Coptic*, 26th inst., 11 A.M.
Shanghai—Per *Loonmoon*, 26th inst., 2 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Ningpo*, 26th inst., 3 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Hinsang*, 26th inst., 3 P.M.
Amoy and Manila—Per *Kaifong*, 26th inst., 5 P.M.
Hongay—Per *Vikang*, 26th inst., 5 P.M.
Cebu and Hilo—Per *Perla*, 26th inst., 4 P.M.
Manila—Per *Rosetta Maru*, 29th inst., 10 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Gregory*, 29th inst., 2 P.M.
Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per *Perla*, 29th inst., 2 P.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Zaffro*, 30th inst., 11 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per *Huphe*, 30th inst., 3 P.M.
Singapore and Calcutta—Per *Sambha*, 1st Oct., 11 A.M.
Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Saxonia*, 1st Oct., 4 P.M.
Kobe, Nagasaki and Vladivostok—Per *Saxonia*, 2nd Oct., 11 A.M.
Kobe—Per *Taiyuan*, 2nd Oct., 3 P.M.
Manila—Per *Rubi*, 2nd Oct., 9 A.M.
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Chinglu*, 5th Oct., 3 P.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Australian*, 6th Oct., 11 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of China*, 21st Oct., 11 A.M.

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Taichu	—	29.92	—	—	N	2	—
Tainan	—	29.92	—	—	N	2	—
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